brute man what a helpless creature he would be without woman.

It would be a lesson to him sure enough. No hash for breakfast; when he wanted to telephone have nothing, feel nothing except that the last syllable had been lost from the "hello," When his day's mail is looked over, no stenographer to prepare his correspondence; the life and soul suddenly gone out of the roof garden entertainment; all the color gone from the streets; no dinner save the remnants of the previous day served cold; no breakfast ordered for the next morning; no trail of women's robes to sanctify the streets; neither early morning mass nor evening vespers; the children all unwashed and unkempt-the startling beginning of early decay which continued would end the race in a single generation; a summons to mankind that justice must be done, or no more hash; no more smiles; no more babies.

But could the ladies stand it? We know that "the bravest battles ever fought have been fought by the mothers of men," but there are hosts of women who have not yet been mothers. Could they remain at home all day? What of the new gown that was finished yesterday? What of the millinery and dry goods stores? What of the ice cream! What of the "nice cold bottle and the redhot bird!" What of the daily exchange of gossip; what of all that might happen and they not see it! What of the young men watching on the corners for certain hats, parasols and slippers; and then will come to men the words of the melancholy Dane, "whether 'tis better," etc.

The world is strangely perturbed this year, "the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear," the women raising hades and chaos not sixteen days away.

The War's Cost

THE experts give the figures for the cost of the war in Europe for the first year at \$45,739,-500,000.

Our great Civil war cost the North one-fifteenth of that amount, and though since then our population has increased 300 per cent, and though the value of the products of field and mine have averaged \$1,000,000,000 annually ever since, onethird of that war debt still remains, upon which the people are paying interest.

If any judgment can be formed from that, it is that Europe is already hopelessly bankrupt; that the respective governments cannot maintain themselves and pay the interest on their debts.

There is another item that must be includedthe pension roll. It is said that to meet the pensions Germany will have to raise, for that purpose alone, as much money annually as her entire annual revenue was before the war.

There is no reason to suppose that the burden is any lighter on the other powers.

If the war continues another year there will

be nothing to do except to sponge the debts off the board and begin anew.

Even Great Britain is trying to borrow money on the outside, something she has never done before.

Under such circumstances, the only way the war can be much longer prolonged is through an appeal to the people to fight for national life and not to expect any reward.

And still soldiers cannot fight without food and clothing and the winter is only a little way off. It looks as though the war would have to soon stop from utter exhaustion.

Not Yet

N his speech here a week ago, ex-Senator Burton said the world's commercial center moved from Venice to Amsterdam, thence across the north sea to London, and that now it was gravitating across the Atlantic to the city on the Hud-

son. This last is still more in anticipation than reality, but it will be in reality soon if we are but great enough as a people to command it.

Venice reached her place because her artisans had learned to fuse Venitian brains into cheap raw material and then send the product in her own ships to lands that were less blessed, to trade her products in small quantities for large quantities of raw material which were received and fused with more Venitian brains and thus grew rich while the outside world remained almost stationary or grew poorer through the unequal exchange.

All through the mediaeval centuries, the Dutch were improving their rude manufactories, building more and more and larger and larger ships and by her trade and possessions in the Orient were growing richer and richer, when they finally threw off the Spanish rule that had been a brake upon their progress, and drew the world's commercial center to herself.

The treasures of the new world should have caused Spain to become the world's commercial center, but her people lacked the needed qualifications. After A. D. 1600 England began to explore the world and take on landed possessions.

After the discovery of the steam engine she began to improve her manufactories; the Cartrights came and invented the power loom; all through the Napoleonic wars she was perfecting her ships and manufoctories; she had, moreover, mines of iron, coal and tin close to her ports and her ports filled with ships, and after the prestige that came to her through Waterloo, she literally went out to absorb the world's wealth through trade, knowing that no other land could successfully compete with her on an even footing. She, in 1846, listened to Cobden and proclaimed that absolute free trade was what the world need-She had gathered much wealth through a rigid protective tariff and carried it to the extreme of killing manufacturing in Ireland, then, with mines and factories close to her ports, with her ports filled with ships, and with free trade as a slogan, she went out to prey upon the world. She made bankrupt southern Europe; she absorbed all our money in '37 and again in '57; she made her own colonies so poor that one after another of them was obliged to build a tariff fence around their countries to check the voracity of their old mother. She took the world's raw material in exchange for her manufactured products; in addition took the world's money, and when she had made outsiders so poor that they had to borrow money to live, she loaned them the money and began to draw what she could not get in trude, in interest. This has been going on steadily for three-score years and ten. Her people, too, have been drawing wealth from the mines of Australia, South Africa, Canada and other of her

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